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Western Hemisphere Files in Industrial Register

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[REDACTED] IR/OCR - Ext 2995, phoned this morning to inquire about disposition of the Western Hemisphere files, which he said had been discussed with [REDACTED] within recent months. 25X1A9a

He said about one and a half years ago IR was ordered to cease working on Western Hemisphere countries, but at the same time were told to leave the files where they were and continue to serve customers. That time period has now expired.

When CRAG was formed he recalls some discussion about re-instating the project, depending on OBI's support. IR has the manpower to keep it up - takes 1 1/2 people.

IR feels the present files have reached the stage where they are now beginning to be obsolete, and they see no point in continuing to render service on them -- wouldn't be helpful to IR nor to the Agency having customers receive obsolete information.

IR thinks the time has come when the files should be retired to the Records Center, and they intend to move them unless there is serious objection from OBI or if OBI would like to defer the transfer. If need for them should arise, they could be brought back on 24-hr service. Both Mr. Borel and [REDACTED] have concurred. 25X1A9a

[REDACTED] would like to hear from OBI one way or another on these questions.

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